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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In an election of species requirement dated July 2, 2003, the period for reply having been extended one month by the concurrently-filed Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Species 1: Figs. 1-9 and 14-19;

Species 2: Figs. 10-13;

Species 3: Figs. 20;

Species 4: Figs. 21;

Species 5: Figs. 22;

Species 6: Figs. 23;

Species 7: Figs. 24-26;

Species 8: Figs. 27;

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Species 9: Figs. 28;

Species 10: Figs. 29;

Species 11: Figs. 30 and 31; and

Species 12: Figs. 32 and 33.

Applicants elect to prosecute Species 1 drawn to Figures 1-9 and 14-19. Claims 1, 3-8, 17-20, 25-31, and 34 are readable on the elected species. Currently at least claim 1 is generic to each of the listed species, and Figs. 34 and 35.

Applicants note that the Election/Restriction requirement does not list Figs. 34 or 35 as included in any species. Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative at (202) 408-4157, or otherwise notify Applicants' representative, if the Patent Office's file does not contain a copy of these figures.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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